



**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

**AGENDA ITEM: 21-O-09**

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Assistant Director DPW

**Meeting Date:** 05/10/2022

**Presented By:** Brenda Alexander  
Assistant Director DPW

**Proposed Consent:** No

**Originating Department:** Department of Public Works

**Action Requested:** Approve amended Tree Protection Ordinance 21-O-09

**Strategic Plan Objective:** Objective #3: Preserve and enrich our environment and natural beauty to attract people and sustain our City's future.

**Background/Justification:**

At the City Council Worksession on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Council reviewed Tree Protection Ordinance 21-O-09 and discussed options to move forward towards approval of an Ordinance. During the City Council Worksession on May 4, 2022 the Council discussed the original Ordinance and suggested some amendments that were agreed upon to be incorporated into the Tree Protection Ordinance.

The Ordinance amendments to Chapter 179 include:

Section 179-1, Revision of Heritage Tree definition from 100 inches in circumference to 80 inches in circumference

Section 179-1, Residential Tree definition, not discussed, but will be revised to reflect current County zoning categories that have recently been changed

Section 179-10, A permit application would need to be submitted to prune more than 20% of a residential tree

Section 179-11D, Urban trees that are 36" to 80" revised from 36" to 100" in circumference

Section 179-11F, Add - objectively, prior to, ... undesirable because of its location, condition, or effect on other structures or trees

Section 179-11H, Add - live branches/wood, after, pruning more than 20% of ...

Section 179-12C, Revise replacement tree planting within 6 months to 12 months

Section 179-10, Penalties increase from \$500 to \$1,000 for removal or pruning greater than 20% without a permit, and Failure to install replacement tree(s) or to pay fee as required from \$500 to \$1,000

Ordinance would not become effective until July 1, 2022

**Fiscal Impact:**

Request funding for a new City Arborist FTE, pay grade 114 to manage the new permit application process and urban tree program

Increase in penalty fine may result in revenue due to non-compliance

**Council Options:**

1. Support the Amended Urban Tree Protection Ordinance 21-O-09 as drafted, and vote to approve the amended Ordinance.
2. Support the Amended Urban Tree Protection Ordinance 21-O-09, with additional amendments.
3. .Not adopt the ordinance.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Recommended Motion:**

*I move to approve Ordinance 21-O-09, as amended.*

**Attachments:**

1. Amended draft Tree Protection Ordinance 21-O-09